

S. 1931

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1931, a bill to enhance the ability of Congress to oversee matters pertaining to nuclear nonproliferation identified in the findings and recommendations of the December 2008 Report of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 2712

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2712 proposed to H.R. 3548, a bill to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 2532. A bill to extend the temporary duty suspensions on certain cotton shirting fabrics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today I seek recognition to introduce legislation entitled the Cotton Shirt Industry Tariff Relief and Promotion Act. This legislation will strengthen our domestic dress shirt manufacturers and the pima cotton growers. My bill extends a technical correction that levels the playing field by correcting an anomaly from previous trade agreements that has unfairly advantaged foreign producers and sent hundreds of jobs offshore.

This legislation extends the reduction of duties levied on cotton shirting fabric that is not made in the United States. U.S. law recognizes this lack of fabric availability and has granted special favorable trade concessions to manufacturers in Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, the Andean region, and Africa. The U.S. allowed shirts to enter this country duty-free from many other countries, while failing to reduce tariffs on those manufacturers that

stayed in the U.S. and were forced to compete on these uneven terms. My bill extends the correction of this inequity.

This legislation also recognizes the need to promote the U.S. shirting manufacturing and textiles sectors, and does so through the extension of a Cotton Competitiveness grant program, which is funded through a portion of previously collected duties.

Our country has experienced an enormous loss of jobs in the manufacturing sector. It is critical that our domestic manufacturers are able to compete on a level playing field. My legislation is a concrete step that this Congress can take to reduce the hemorrhaging of U.S. manufacturing jobs.

One group of beneficiaries of this legislation is a Gitman Brothers factory in Ashland, PA. The Ashland Shirt and Pajama factory was built in 1948 and employs 132 workers. This factory in the Lehigh Valley turns out world class shirts with such labels as Saks Fifth Avenue that are shipped across the U.S. Their shirts are made of pima cotton that is grown in the Southwestern U.S., but spun into fabric only by special mills in Western Europe. Gitman must compete against Canadian shirt companies that import the same fabric tariff-free and who can then ship their shirts into the U.S. tariff-free under NAFTA. These workers and their families deserve trade laws that do not chase their jobs offshore.

This legislation enjoys the support of the domestic shirting industry, UNITE, and the Pima cotton association. I offer this legislation on behalf of the men and women of the Gitman factory in Ashland, the domestic dress shirting industry, and the pima cotton growers, so that for them, free trade will indeed be fair trade as well.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2607. A bill to amend the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations Act, 2010 to repeal a provision of that Act relating to geothermal energy receipt; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. REPEAL OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY RECEIPTS PROVISION.

Section 423 of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 is repealed.

## ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate today, the RECORD remain open until 1:30 p.m. today for the introduction of legislation and the submission of statements and cosponsorships.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m., Monday, November 2; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that at 4 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Benefits Extension Act of 2009, as provided for under the previous order. And finally, I ask unanimous consent that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be 3 p.m. and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 4 p.m. Monday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, at 5 p.m. on Monday, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the substitute amendment to H.R. 3548. That will be the first vote of the day.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:17 p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 2, 2009, at 2 p.m.